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July 26, 2020: 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

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Parish Council

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ASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

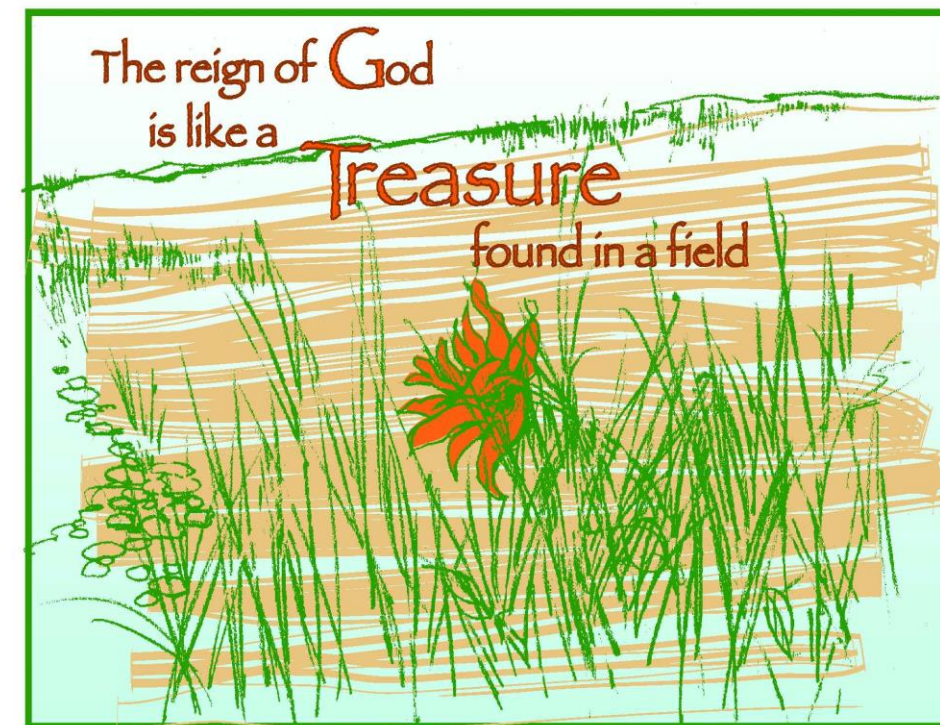
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

TREASURES AND PEARLS

The Gospel of Matthew continues with parables that hint at what the reign of God might be like. The first parable doesn't tell us what the man was doing digging in a field that was not his, but it doesn't matter. He stumbles upon a great treasure, and recognizing its value, gives up everything he has for it. The same is true of the pearl merchant. Pearls were very rare and expensive up until the twentieth century. They are found in oysters, deep in salt or fresh water, and divers, then without any air tanks, had to dive for them and collect many thousands of oysters to find good pearls. Enough beautiful, matched pearls for a necklace were a rare and expensive find. A single rare, large pearl was a king's ransom!

How Well Do You Know Your Catholic Faith?

Paragraphs 1434 thru 1439 tells about the many forms of penance in the Christian Life. It says that the interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways and it speaks above all on three forms which are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Besides the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they also cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins that there is reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor the intercession of the saints and the practice of charity which covers a multitude of sins.

Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist.

Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father. Every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins. The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercise, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing. The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful father.

Paragraph 1440 says that sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him and at the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason, conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Paragraph 1441 & 1442 tell us that only God forgives sins but that since Jesus is the son of God, he has the authority to forgive sins on earth. Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us as the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry of the church.



Lynda Jones, Anita Wright, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Rita Sullivan, Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink. Mike Wilson. Levah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:

Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the

Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Known Birthdays for July 2020

2 nd : Fr. Sherwin	25 th : Neal Fisher
6 th : Kerry Ladnier	25 th : Harold Vaughn
9 th : Steve Cauley	25 th : Perry Lewis
9 th : Jonathan Oliver	26 th : Debra Johnson
10 th : Kassi Reynolds	27 th : Matthew Baker
16 th : Ann Jackson	28 th : Hayden Teofilo
17 th : John Ramsay	29 th : Ty Teofilo
17 th : Mary Kirchoff	31 st : Erica Murray
18 th : Adolph Payne	31 st : Tony Cosentino
19 th : Greg Taylor	

Known Anniversaries for July 2020

12th: Glenda and Bobby Poiroux
 25th: Shirley and Thomas Rasmussen
 31st: Debbie and Perry Lewis

Upcoming Parish Even

Wednesday August 19th: Faith Formation Retreat
Sunday October 4th: Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)
Wednesday October 21st: Faith Formation Retreat
Wednesday November 11th: Veterans Day Mass
Wednesday November 25th: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Thursday November 26th: Thanksgiving Day Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday December 1, 2 & 3: Advent Retreat & Penance Service

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of July 28 thru 31

July 28, 29, 30 & 31 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Jim Long – For the eternal repose of the souls of Frank & Charles Church, Ida Clark & Ray Aspawall by Nina Bohl.

Week of August 4 thru 7

August 4 & 5 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Linda & Deacon Graham
 August 6 & 7 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Carol & Johnnie Tate

Week of August 11 thru 14

Aug. 11, 12, 13 & 14 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Carol & Terry Roberts

Week of August 18 thru 21

Aug. 18, 19, 20 & 21 -- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of John Ramsay.

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Catholic Charities

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Lectors for next weekend, Aug. 1 & 2:

5.00 pm on Saturday, Aug. 1st, Steve Sema
 10:00 am on Sunday, Aug. 2nd, Ty Teofilo

Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop at 400 Government Street and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

DIVING AND DRAGNETS

The image of the dragnet is a good one for our unconscious mind. Hidden there is everything we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Hidden there also is the Holy Spirit, at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the dross, and freeing us to begin to know our deepest desires for God. Great saints like John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila, both doctors of the Church, wrote about our deepest selves being the dwelling place of God. While our active minds prance around all kinds of ideas and distractions, our deepest selves dwell in wordless contemplation of God. To have this revealed to us is a great gift, a priceless treasure. Because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, purifying and drawing us closer, it does not mean we do nothing. We are given free will to seek God and to pay attention to these inner workings, as God strips away whatever impedes us. This is not always comfortable. When we willingly allow God to work in us, being attentive to what the Spirit is doing, we will find God. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by accident, the other by much searching. It doesn't matter which we use. If we are attentive, we will find God, for God waits to be found!

Announcements for Week of July 25, 2020

1) **Known Birthdays:** 25th: Neal Fisher, Harold Vaughn, Perry Lewis, 26th: Debra Johnson, 27th: Matthew Baker, 28th: Hayden Teofilo, 29th: Ty Teofilo, 31st: Erica Murray, Tony Consentino, **Known Anniversaries:** 25th: Shirley and Thomas Rasmussen, 31st: Debbie and Perry Lewis

Stewardship for July 19th:

General Fund: \$00

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